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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION KINSHASA FROM LUBUMBASHI 22 MAY  
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 0527

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: MILI, MOPS, CG  
SUBJECT: SHABA II SITREP: MAY 22,1978

1. AMERICAN CITIZENS/ NO CHANGE KNOWN

2. MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

(A) US TELEVISION JOURNALISTS, PASSING THROUGH LUBUMBASHI  
FROM KOLWEZI ON EVENING OF MAY 21, REPORTED THAT FRENCH  
LEGIONNAIRES WERE CONCENTRATING THEIR ACTIVITIES IN  
CITIES OF KOLWEZI. HE SAID THEY HAD FOUND MANY HIDDEN ARMS  
IN ZONE MANIKA, DUE SOUTH OF TOWN AND WERE TREATING THE  
LOCAL POPULATION VERY ROUGHLY. HE SAID THE FRENCH CLAIMED  
TO HAVE KILLED 400 KATANGAS. GCM SOURCES NOTED THAT THE HEAVIEST  
FIGHTING OF THE DAY OCCURRED NEAR THE METALKAT FACTORY NORTH  
OF TOWN.

(B) US AIR FORCE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. ONE C-5A GALAXY  
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LANDED IN LUBUMBASHI AT ABOUT 1430 LOCAL TIME ON MAY 21 AND  
DISCHARGED ITS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS  
TEAMS HOPES TO FINISH ITS WORK THIS AFTERNOON OR TWOMORROW  
MORNING AND DEPART FOR THEUS ON THE LAST PLANE.

3. MILITARY POSITIONS: NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

4. POLITICAL.

(A) KOLWEZI BELGIAN EVACUATION PLANE HAD EXTRACTED ALMOST ALL OF KOLWEZI'S EXPATRIATE POPULATION BY THE END OF THE DAY ON MAY 21. BECAUSE THE BELGIANS WERE USING KAMINA AS THE BASE OF THEIR OPERATIONS, MOST REFUGEES WERE NOT GIVEN A CHOICE OF KAMINA/KINSHASA OR LUBUMBASHI, THEY WERE ROUTINELY PUT ABOARD FLIGHTS WHICH WOULD TAKE THEM TO KAMINA AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THE EXPECTED DEATH TOLL AMONG THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY SEEMS TO CLIMB EACH DAY WITH 128 KNOWN DEAD, AND MORE THAN 150 EXPECTED EXPATRIATE DEAD. NAMES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. GECAMINES REPORTS THAT ALL OF ITS TOP CADRE AT KOLWEZI SURVIVED THE OCCUPATION.

(B) LUBUMBASHI: THE CURFEW REMAINS IN EFFECT BUT IS BEING ENFORCED LESS STRICTLY. NOT ONLY WERE THERE FEWER ROAD BLOCKS AROUND TOWN AT NIGHT OVER THE WEEKEND BUT SOLDIERS SOMETIMES DID NOT BOTHER TO ASK PASSING CARS TO STOP. PRESIDENT MOBUTU SPENT THE MORNING IN LUBUMBASHI MEETING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND IN THE AFTERNOON BETWEEN 1600 AND 2000 WITH GCM DELEGATE GENERAL UMBA IN KOLWEZI. UPON RETURNING, THE PRESIDENT ASK GCM TO TAKE EVERY MEASURE TO RESTORE WATER ELECTRICITY COMMUNICATIONS

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AND RAIL SERVICES TO KOLWEZI. GCM IS WORKING OUT WHAT MIGHT BE DONE, BUT CAN TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL IT IS POSSIBLE TO MOVE IN THE CITY WITHOUT A SECURITY ESCORT AND THE HUNDREDS OF CORPSES ARE BURIED. PRESIDENT MOBUTU IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE LUBUMBASHI TODAY FOR KAMINA, KINSHASA, AND EVENTUALLY PARIS FOR THE FRANCO-PHONE CONFERENCE.

5. PETROLEUM STOCKS: PETRO-SEP LUBUMBASHI REPORTS THAT AS OF MAY 21 PETROLEUM SUPPLIES IN SHABA WERE AS FOLLOWS: 610 M3 OF GASOLINE(OFF WHICH GCM HOLDS 520 M3) 3660 M3 OF DIESEL(OFF WHICH GCM HOLDS 3360 M3) ACAD 500 M3 OF JP1. GCM IS EXPECTING A SHIPMENT OF 360 M3 OF DIESEL EARLY THIS WEEK WHICH IT HAS PAID FOR WITH ITS OWN FOREIGN EXCHANGE. PETRO SEP IS EXPECTING ITS NEXT SHIPMENT OF 400 M3 OF GASOLINE AND 400 M3 OF DIESEL FROM KINSHASA TO BE ABOUT THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. NOTHING IS FLOWING FROM NDOLA BECAUSE OF DELAYS IN MAKING HARD CURRENCY PAYMENT. PETRO SEP EXPECTS 260 M3 OF JP1 ON ABOUT MAY 23 FOR LUBUMBASHI AND 140 M3 OF JP1 LATER IN THE WEEK OF KAMINA. PETRO SEP ESTIMATES THAT WITH THE CLOSING OF GCM'S KOLWEZI FACILITIES, THE

MINING COMPANY WILL CONSUME ONLY 25 PC OF ITS NORMAL DIESEL NEEDS AND 50 PC OF ITS NORMAL GASOLINE NEEDS.

6. PSYCHOLOGICAL RUMBLINGS.

WEEKEND GET TOGETHERS PROVIDED OCCOSIONS FOR RUMOR MILL TO WORK OVERTIME. ONE RUMOR REPORTED TO JEDOMINATE## THE FAZ WERE THE PRINCIPAL VILLAGERS AND MURDERERS IN KOLWEZI. MANY PEOPLE HERE SAID TO BELIEVE THAT THE KATANGESE WERE WELL-DISCIPLINED AND WELL-REXEIVED ON ARRIVAL AND WERE INCITED TO RIOT(B) BY THE TERRORISM OF THE FAZ, AND (B) BY THE NEWS OVER INTERNATIONAL SHORT WAVE THAT WESTERN FORCES WERE ON THEIR WAY TO KOLWEZI TO SAVE THE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY. THESE RUMORS ARE REPORTED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO HAVE BEEN RPEATED THIS MORNING(MONDAY MAY 22) ON THE SOUTH-AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL RADIO BROADCASTS.

POPULATIONS SAID TO BE WILLING TO BELIEVE WORST OF FAZ AS CASES OF BREAKING-ENTERING, BEATINGS, EVEN RAPE BY FAZ ARE BEING INCREASINGLY REPORTED. FAZ COMPLICITY IN TAKING OF KOLWEZI IS THOUGHT TO BE PROVED IN WIDE-SPREAD BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY EXECUTED ENTIRE FAZ GENERAL STAFF BASED IN KOLWEZI.

FRENCH ALSO GETTING BAD PRESS ON "SIDEWALK RADIO" THEY ARE BEING LUMPED TOGETHER WITH FAZ AS PERPETRATORS OF INDIS-CRIMINATING KILLINGS IN AFRICAN QUARTERS. ANOTHER REPORTED BELIEF IS THAT THE FRENCH INTERVENTION BEGAN AS EARLY AS WEDNESDAY MAY 17 WHICH CAUSED KATANGESE RETALIATION AND KILLING OF EXPATRIATES PARTICUOARLY FRENCH CIVILIANS.

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